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## I must say it

Charles H. Ashcraft/Executive Secretary

### When the goal is nothing

Those who plan for nothing always achieve it. Those who plan to go nowhere are already there. Those desiring to do nothing need not make plans. These people are not at all involved in motivation, commitment or organization. When the goal is worthy, however, all which touches it becomes worthy.

The soul-winning or witnessing potential of the average church is determined more by what happens on witnessing Commitment Day (Jan. 12, 1975) than is determined at the annual association meeting or the sessions of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention.

That which happens on this day clearly reveals the degree of concern and zeal possessed by the pastor. If he does nothing the people will join him. If he does something, they will join him.

The people support the church financially because they commit themselves to support the church financially. They will support the church's witnessing program when they commit themselves to witnessing.

The people who sign a card, walk down the aisle, or just stand up to indicate their commitment will do more than those who will not respond in any mobile form. Most every church provides training for laymen and women to give their witness.

Sunday, Jan. 12, 1975, is the day to stand up and be counted. The figures which will go in the columns of the annual report to the association and convention will be determined to a large degree by the ceremonies of this day. Many pastors will avoid the embarrassment at the end of the year if they begin the first of the year calling everyone to the task of witnessing.

Forgiveness may be available to some sorts of shortcoming but there is no forgiveness for not trying. God gives a fair mark if we try because he can bless efforts, even if the efforts are modest and humble.

Jesse Reed and I have a covenant to encourage each other to witness. Jesse assumes the full responsibility of his job description to keep the Chief at the business of witnessing, with the full approval and gratitude of the Chief.

Jesse and I make our appeal wherever we preach for people to get someone on their heart, commit themselves to daily prayer and witnessing until that person comes to Christ. This we do Sunday after Sunday, year after year. We are committed.

I hope every pastor will arise Sunday morning, Jan. 12, in 1975 determined to call his people to commitment for definite people whom, by God's grace, they promise to share their witness. May God help us.

*I must say it!*

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J. Everett Sneed

# Education versus spirituality

Occasionally there still persists conflict between the educated and uneducated ministry. The educated preacher may look down his nose at those who have not had his opportunities. While the man without formal training may accuse the other of relying on books rather than the Holy Spirit. Both attitudes are wrong. The same God called each man.

In past years there was a great tide of anti-intellectualism. This philosophy reached such an extent that some preachers actually refused to prepare their messages. On one occasion a man adhering to the "no preparation" idea boasted "When I enter the pulpit God fills my mouth."

A trained pastor replied "Yes, your mouth is filled - with hot air. But don't blame that on God."

The fact is that a preacher should do his utmost to be at his best in the pulpit. This involves prayer, study, and being open to the Holy Spirit during study as well as in the delivery of the message.

Those who oppose education point to the fact that Peter and John were uneducated. The Scripture, they often emphasize, in Acts 4:13, says "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled...."

Those using this for a proof text to oppose education fail to note that the balance of the same verse which says "And they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus." The fact is that three years with the Master Teacher was the best possible education a man could have.

The miracle of Christianity is the fact that God used men with all types of backgrounds in his work. God used

## Guest editorial

### On taking a risk

As the years come and go, my spirit longs for tranquility and peace. Brawl type discussion and uproarious confrontations have become very distasteful to me. Because of such feelings, I have strong urges at times to retreat or escape unpleasant eruptions in human relationships.

Yet, there is another side. Suppose everyone sought to avoid or escape from ugly and unpleasant things? Such a pattern of life accounts for the rise to power of men like Adolph Hitler. He was a bully whom very few people seriously challenged in Germany or elsewhere. As a result, something had to be done on a worldwide scale which involved millions of people.

Someone observed that "good" people are more responsible for bad things which happen than bad people. There is a sense in which this is true. Edmund Burke's well-known statement is true, "All it takes for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing."

Caution can be a good thing, but overcautiousness can be a curse.

Suppose Jesus had been overly cautious, he never would have articulated some of the great truths he did.

the apostle Paul to give initial impetus to Christianity. Paul was one of the best trained men in the world having studied under Gamaliel. (Acts 5:34 and 22:3)

The Bible itself declares the wide diversity of people used by God. The Holy Spirit inspired people with almost every type of background. In giving us the Holy Writ, God worked through the kings (David and Solomon), the fisherman (Peter and John), the philosophers and highly trained men (Paul and Moses), the farmer (Amos), etc.

Therefore, some mistakes need to be corrected. We should never equate ignorance with spirituality or conservatism. The scripture clearly instructs us to "study to show thyself approved under God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15)

We should recognize that God uses people of all educational levels. Thus we should be supportive of each other. God has a place for each person whom he has called into his service and all are important.

Finally, it is clear that each person whom God has called into his service should do everything possible to be effective. Different callings have different requirements. Some demand a great deal of education and others less. All must continually rely on the Holy Spirit.

A key factor in the success of Southern Baptists has been our willingness to use people of various educational backgrounds. If we are to continue to grow, we must never change this concept. We should, however, put behind forever the conflict between preachers of different educational standings. May God help us to do this!

Vicious people opposed him and sought to silence him. If he had played it safe, he would not have suffered and died on the Cross.

In a bit of irony, the Old Testament prophet Amos said, "A prudent man would keep silent." He was talking about the wise thing to do in his situation according to common standards of the time.

Shouldn't the paramount question in our minds be, "What is right?" rather than, "What is safe?"

Unfortunately, the setup in most churches and denominations is so akin to the political pattern of operation that the preacher or church worker needs the approval of most people. In seeking to get it, all kinds of things happen. Such a system breeds manipulators and tends to muffle the prophetic voice. Like a child who gets burned early in life and becomes afraid of the fire, a person learns what he can and can't do in the church. Of course, a few brave souls rush in where "angels fear to tread," but very few. In the circumstances, however, it is amazing how much good churches and denominations do with so many people playing it safe.

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## Food and fellowship

Virginia Kirk and Jane Purtle

### Inventory time

"Many of us discovered how very social is the act of eating, which is probably why the short Gospel accounts give so much space to food-outdoor picnics, a supper behind closed doors, a fish fry at dawn beside the Sea of Tiberias." Elizabeth O'Connor, "Search for Silence," p. 103 (Word Books, 1972)

Miss O'Connor, in discussing her experiences with fasting, notes that incidents and references to food are numerous in the New Testament. Today breaking bread together is still an important part of the common life we share as believers. As we eat together in our churches and homes, we experience a peculiar kind of Christian fellowship.

For almost a year now, we've carried on a one-sided conversation with you about the importance of food in our churches. Because we believe it was an important part of the fellowship of the early Christians, we've shared our ideas for using food creatively to God's glory.

January seems an appropriate time to inventory—for you and for us.

Use the following check list to do some thinking about food in your church. What special functions, using food, have promoted fellowship this past year? Fellowship breakfast? Bridal shower? Mission supper? Church picnic? Fellowship luncheon? Fun night? Hospitality hour? VBS refreshments? Others? Are we stuck in a potluck rut? Are all parts of our church family being touched in the fellowship promoted by the common meals? If not, what kind of occasion might draw them in?

Is the work connected with serving common meals being passed around? Is the kitchen equipment receiving good treatment? Are the kitchen and dining

room kept clean and attractive? Is food being wasted? Are we conserving supplies so that wise use is being made of the Lord's money? Perhaps there are other questions that you need to ask in your particular situation.

Inventory time for us means some feedback from readers about the usefulness of the column and suggestions of creative ways food is being used in your church. We are particularly interested in some type of common meal or sharing of food that other churches might like to duplicate. Write us with suggestions for improving the column and making it more useful to you. Send cards or letters to Virginia Kirk, 9th and College Streets, Batesville, Ark. 72501.

For the cold weather that January usually brings, we'd like to recommend a spicy skillet dish that takes only 30 minutes to prepare.

#### Beef, Bean and Rice Skillet Meal

- 1 pound ground beef
- 1 large onion, chopped
- 2 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoon chili power (less if you prefer)
- 1-4 teaspoon garlic salt
- 1 cup rice, uncooked
- 1 can kidney beans
- 1 can tomatoes (or 2 cans tomato sauce)

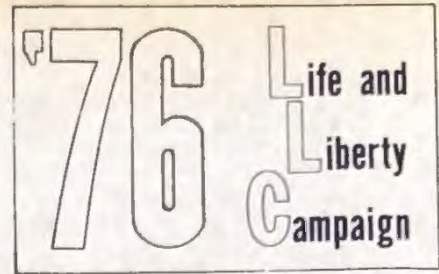
Brown meat and onions. Pour off excess grease. Add remaining ingredients. Stir to mix. Cover and bring to a boil. Turn to low heat and cook 30 minutes or until rice is done. Stir once or twice while cooking to prevent sticking. It may be necessary to add water, depending on the amount of liquid in the tomatoes and beans.

## On Taking A Risk

(From page 3)

Think how much more we could do if more of us were willing to risk.

Wallace Henley, pastor of Old Spanish Fort Church, has written an excellent book entitled, **Enter at Your Own Risk**. He discusses the risk of openness and freedom along with other topics about taking chances. His idea is that the willingness to take a risk is the essence of faith and discipleship. One cannot read the Bible, and books like Acts in particular, without observing the risky way men and women expressed their faith in God.—Hudson Baggett, in the "Alabama Baptist"



by R. Wilbur Herring



Dr. Herring

Prayer and preparation are the two key words in 1975. With two full years of praying and preparing surely we shall be ready for the great revival and evangelistic thrust in the bicentennial year of 1976. Most of us have been taught that ninety

percent of the success of any undertaking can be credited to preparation. We know that the Lord has clearly said, "without me ye can do nothing" (John 15:5), so we know that the main part of that preparation is much prayer.

Brother K. Alvin Pitt has sent a letter to every pastor just recently in which his prayer committee makes definite suggestions concerning prayer. One of the suggestions is that we make **Jan. 19, 1975 a Day of Fasting and Prayer**. This is the day preceding the state-wide Evangelistic Conference in Little Rock. If our people would do this, we would witness the most powerful conference on evangelism that this state has ever seen. **Let us do this thing and see the power of God.**

If we come to the Evangelistic Conference with great expectations then we will want to bring all the members of our staff or some of the key leaders in our church so they too can be inspired and catch the vision of what God is preparing us to do in Arkansas. Pray for the conference. Pray for Brother Jesse Reed as he leads and for each one of the speakers as they bring the messages from the Word of God. **America needs revival, and she needs it now.** Two or three years from now might be too late.

If you had a midnight prayer service on New Year's Eve, you are preparing your people for a great year. If you had the study of the Book of Acts during the January Bible Study then you have warmed the hearts of your people for evangelism and missions. Most of the time we only get what we prepare for and expect. The 120 disciples expected some great and wonderful thing from the hands of the Lord, and they received Pentecost. The trouble about most of us is that we don't prepare for anything. We don't expect anything, and we don't get anything.



## 14 from Arkansas get degrees at Southwestern

FT. WORTH, Texas--Fourteen Arkansas natives received degrees during winter commencement exercises held in Truett Auditorium at Southwestern Seminary, Dec. 20.

Seminary President Robert E. Naylor presented degrees and diplomas to 195 candidates from the seminary's three schools: theology, religious education, and church music.

Milton U. Ferguson, president of the Midwestern Seminary, Kansas City, Mo., was the commencement speaker. He is a

graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Seminary with the doctor of theology degree. Ferguson served 14 years as professor of philosophy at Southwestern Seminary before assuming the presidency of Midwestern Seminary in 1973.

Arkansas graduates were John William Bowen, Little Rock; James Michael Butler, Hot Springs; Bobby Joe Dailey, Ash Flat; Timothy Lee Deahl, Texarkana; Harry Eugene Griffin, Wynne; David Randell Maxwell, Paragould; and David Wayne Wood, Warren, all of whom

received the master of divinity degree.

Receiving the master of religious education degree were Charlotte Ann Holloway of Clarksville, Monica Sue Keathley, of Little Rock, Marvin Peters of Jacksonville, and Judith Ann Robertson of Fayetteville.

Laura Sue Byrum of Lonoke received the master of church music degree.

James Dale Bryant of Harrison was awarded the doctor of ministries degree, and George Dean Dickens of Booneville was awarded the doctor of theology degree.



Bowen



Butler



Dailey



Deahl



Griffin



Maxwell



Wood



Holloway



Keathley



Robertson



Byrum



Bryant



Dickens



Peters



### One layman's opinion

Daniel R. Grant / President, OBU

### Fig preserves and the true spirit of Christmas

It is a little late to be rehashing issues concerning the meaning and spirit of Christmas, but I have been deeply troubled by an ethical and theological question growing out of the events of the past Christmas.

The true spirit of Christmas is, of course, Christian sharing. I have always been taught this and have recognized it as one of those undebatable principles. This Christmas, however, my wife Betty Jo has put this principle, and more particularly my commitment to it, to a severe test. She gave away several jars of our cherished supply of fig preserves to Ouachita Baptist University staff members.

For those who don't know me very well, it should be pointed out that fig preserves rank very high on my scale of

values, following somewhere close behind the Bible and the American Constitution. My wife's reckless generosity has caused me to rethink the whole matter of the true spirit of Christmas and Christian sharing.

For example, I explored the line of thought that suggests that intelligent giving is that which considers the capacity of the one receiving the gift to appreciate fully and use wisely the gift. Let me hasten to say that I am not suggesting that my wife was casting pearls before swine, but I have given a great deal of thought to the possibility that fig preserves should be saved for those who appreciate them the most.

One thing that troubles me about my line of reasoning is that it is the same argument often used to justify refusal to

share one's material possessions with persons in need on grounds that they really don't appreciate it, or won't use it wisely. Unfortunately for my campaign to hold on to our fig preserves, the supreme gift of God that we celebrate in the Christmas story was made available to all, no matter how unworthy. The decision to accept or reject the gift was left to the free choice of the receiver. Every time I begin to judge the worthiness of prospective recipients of my gifts (or Betty Jo's gifts), my Christian conscience asks me embarrassing questions about the true spirit of Christmas. Considered in that light, the sacrificial sharing of a truly valuable commodity like fig preserves from a scarce supply is a most touching thing.

But on the other hand, it has just occurred to me that it is hardly an act of Christian love, even in the midst of festive Christmas celebrations, to encourage certain people who already have a weight problem to aggravate and compound their difficulty. There are high-level theological implications of this issue that may deserve further discussion and negotiation within our normally happy home.





## Woman's viewpoint

Iris O'Neal Bowen

### And then there are dolls

Now that the gifting season has come and gone, if we counted toys, there would be more dolls with new homes than any other one toy.

Down at the bank, while I was biding my time the other day, I spied a goodly display of dolls that had been furnished by the bank to lady volunteers who sewed up lovely clothes for them. The dolls were then returned to be given to little girls who otherwise would not get dolls for Christmas.

Not a one of those ladies, I suppose, will see the happy faces of the little girls as they wrap their dolls in their hungry little arms. However, I could nearly feel the joy of those ladies as they cut the tiny pieces of material, stitched the small seams and gathered the narrow lace for trimming!

Surely the giving of their time and effort was as great a blessing as that to be enjoyed by the little girls.

I, for one, am just not cut out for making doll clothes. I made a few weak

efforts when I played with dolls—and mine never seemed to come with much raiment. But I seldom got beyond cutting a hole in the cloth for the doll's head and pinning the material under her arms.

My mother, who stressed the keeping of the Lord's Day, used to tell us of the time she became the mother of a real "store-bought" doll. Up to that time, she had contrived cornshuck dolls to play with, then one glorious day her father brought home that beautiful doll with the china head.

Naturally, it needed clothes, and so one Sunday afternoon she slipped away to the bedroom and made her doll a dress. As you may have already guessed, before a week had gone by, she had dropped and broken her doll.

Which proved to her that, sure-enough, it was a sin to make doll clothes on Sunday, and she was only getting her just desserts, a lesson she never forgot.

And a sin I never committed!

### Doctrinally speaking

## The various views of inspiration

by Ralph W. Davis  
(27th in a series)

1 The mechanical dictation theory. This view is that God dictated every word of Scripture and the human authors were merely secretaries. The writers were pens, not penmen of God. They were calculating machines which ground out infallible correctness and not men who lived in the midst of human situations. This view assumes that if God inspired men to write the Bible then man must cease to be himself, think his own thoughts, write his own style, tell things from his own viewpoint. (See Conner, *A System of Christian Doctrine*, p. 120.) Very few people hold to this view today.

2 Schleiermacher's theory denies the supernatural in the origin or composition of the Bible. With the exception of God's intervention in creation and God's intervention in the person of Christ, Schleiermacher considered that all else in the history of the world is natural. Therefore, there is nothing supernatural in the Bible; and of course, inspiration is unthinkable. There is no difference between genius and inspiration. Genius consists in the possession of powers of intuition, and inspiration is the same. The Bible has no authority as a rule of faith and contains no doctrine revealed

from God. Of course, the Christian cannot accept this theory.

3 Plenary inspiration. The word means "full." There are various interpretations of this view. Many scholars use the term to indicate that the whole Bible is considered the Word of God. "That view of plenary inspiration is most reasonable." (Cartledge, *The Bible: God's Word to Man*, p. 57)

4 Partial inspiration is the theory that the Bible contains the Word of God but is not the Word of God. If we hold to this theory, "then it is left up to each person to try to decide for himself what in the Bible is God's Word and what is simply man's." (Cartledge, p. 57)

5. The term "verbal inspiration" is used in two ways. To some people it means mechanical dictation which we cannot accept. To others it means that God inspired the words as well as the thoughts back of the words. It is almost impossible to express any thought without the use of words. "When verbal inspiration is used in that sense, it is most reasonable." (Cartledge, p. 57)

6. The naturalistic theory is that the biblical writers were inspired in the same sense that all men are inspired. The

## Annual Faith at work conference is set

The annual Arkansas Faith at Work Conference will be held at Royale Vista Inn in Hot Springs Jan. 31-Feb. 2.

Faith at Work, founded by the late Sam Shoemaker, is an informal network of clergy and laymen committed to their church and to discovering fresh ways to incarnate and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

Arkansans helping on the program include Bill Elliff, who will direct the music for the weekend; Dick King, who will direct activities for the high school students; and Arliss Dickerson, who will lead a conference on evangelism.

Out-of-state leaders include Dave Stoner of Jacksonville, Fla.; Dr. and Mrs. Don Neblett of Knoxville, Tenn.; Louise Mohr of Montgomery, Ala. and Tap Hanson of Atlanta, Ga.

Information on registration may be obtained by writing Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Scott, 1410 South Madison, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401.

Some scholarships are available upon request.

## Death

William Eugene Corder, 54, Thornburg, died Dec. 17. He was a native of Little Rock and had been a minister for 26 years. He was a member of Casa Church, and had served as pastor there for 5 1-2 years. He also served as pastor at Adona, Houston, Harmony, Stony Point, Solgohachia, Union Valley, and Pee Dee.

Bible, though, makes a distinction between God's spokesmen and other men. Again, the writers claimed to be spiritual messengers from God. For them it was "Thus saith the Lord."

7 Dynamical view. According to this view the writers were moved by the Holy Spirit who directed them through their natural and spiritual faculties. He directed them so that they used their own education, their own style of writing, their own background, their own experiences, but yet without error. Thus Luke could gather materials (Luke 1:1-3) though he was not an eye witness of Jesus. The writers were free to express their message in terms of their own mental, spiritual, and cultural backgrounds. They used their background of knowledge, "but they were all so completely enlightened and guided by God's Spirit that they were preserved from any error in translating the divine revelation" (Allen, *Broadman Commentary*, Vol. 1, p. 6). "In short, inspiration is neither natural, partial, nor mechanical, but supernatural, plenary, and dynamical." (Strong, *Systematic Theology*, Vol. 1, p. 211)

Next issue: Where we got our Bible



# Declaration of Cooperation

BECAUSE WE AS SOUTHERN BAPTISTS RECOGNIZE That Christ established the church to carry out his divine purpose in the world, and That the genius of our life as autonomous New Testament churches is our freedom to cooperate in order to make evident our unity in Christ and to give substance to our common purpose to proclaim the gospel, and That our life as a denomination emerged historically in 1845 in an effort to elicit, conserve, and direct those resources over which God has placed us as stewards, and That in 1923 our forefathers committed themselves to a new level of interdependence in a relationship of stewardship called the Cooperative Program, and That as a result of that commitment our denominational life has by the grace of God prospered in terms of unity, missions, and ministry. We *Hereby Declare* this program of cooperation to be self-evident of our denominational unity and a manifestation of our vision for the future under the Lordship of Christ, and We *Therefore* recommit ourselves in prayer to that trust, sacrifice, and resolve necessary for the responsible expression of our life together in Christ through our Cooperative Program.

*Charles Ashcraft*  
*Daniel R. Grant*  
*W. H. ...*  
*...*  
*Nancy Cooper*  
*Miss ...*  
*Sam ...*  
*R. ...*  
*Ray ...*

ON THE OCCASION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

## Southerland heads Southern College board



Southerland

J.K. Southerland of Batesville, Ark. has been elected to continue serving as president of the Board of Trustees for Southern Baptist College. Southerland is a long-time friend of the college, and is well known in the business world, active in the First

Church of Batesville, and a leader in civic affairs.

Serving with Southerland is S. Ray Crews, pastor of the First Church of Osceola as vice-president of the board. Rex Holt, pastor of Fisher Street Church in Jonesboro is the new secretary.

## Missionary residence to be vacant

ARKADELPHIA--The Rev. and Mrs. Paul C. Mosteller, Southern Baptist missionaries to Thailand will be coming to Ouachita Baptist University as Missionaries in Residence from Aug. 1, 1975-June, 1976.

The Mostellers now have two children studying at OBU. Anne, 22 is a junior elementary education major. Cliff, 20, is a freshman.

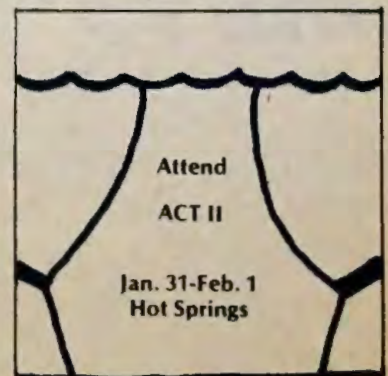
The present missionary couple living at Ouachita, the Rev. and Mrs. Alex Garner, will be leaving Jan. 15 for an assignment as missionaries to Panama.

There have not been any applications for the position for the period of time between Jan. 15 and Aug. 1, 1975 according to Dr. Robert Stagg, chairman of the missionary residence committee.

The program is sponsored by OBU and First Baptist Church of Dermott, which gave \$8000 toward purchasing the home for the resident missionaries.

Pictured above is the "Declaration of Cooperation" signed by convention leaders during the recent annual meeting of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention. Those signing included Executive Secretary Charles Ashcraft, the executive leaders of the four agencies of the state convention, presidents of the state convention and the Executive Board, the president and executive secretary of Woman's Missionary Union, and the state stewardship secretary.

Copies of the "Declaration of Cooperation" are being circulated to every church in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, so that every Arkansas Baptist can have an opportunity to re-commit himself to the principle of voluntary cooperation set forth in the document.





## 50 new churches in state is goal



Dorris

The slogan "50 For The Future" will be used by the church extension division of the Missions Department to focus attention on its goal of assisting associations and churches to establish 50 new churches and missions in Arkansas

during the biennium of 1975-76.

This thrust will be a part of the "Share His Love" theme in 1975 and will culminate during the 1976 Life and Liberty campaign.

Records reveal that this is an ambitious goal and significantly above past accomplishments. In the past 10 years the number of new churches has ranged from three in 1963 to 12 in 1965.

A New Work Seminar to initiate this plan is scheduled for Jan. 27-28, 1975. Associational Directors of Missions and their Missions Committee chairmen (or a member of that committee) have been invited.

The seminar will provide an in depth discussion of the nine basic steps in starting new work with special emphasis given the Arkansas scene.

F. J. "Jack" Redford and Eldon Jones of the Church Extension division of the Home Mission Board will participate.

Associational leaders will provide input based on their experience that will result in offering mutual assistance toward statewide growth in church extension during the next two years.

Fifty new churches and church-type missions in Arkansas will come from three areas of mission action.

One will be missions established in new housing developments in urban and rural areas where there is a significant growth in population.

Other new work may come from the revival of churches that have been closed. People are moving back into some areas and offering a real challenge for mission action.

New work may also result from the merging of two struggling congregations into one strong fellowship of believers more able to give a convincing witness to the larger community. In recent years several churches have taken this step successfully and the result has been to strengthen the association as well as the local field. This action indeed calls for a "facing up to reality" and a clearer understanding of God's purpose for the local church.

The New Work Seminar will help associations to develop strong missions committees that will constantly be alert to church extension possibilities, and to reach the goal of "50 For The Future." - R. H. Dorris, Director of Missions

## One in 10 RA campers saved, survey shows

More than one out of every ten boys attending Royal Ambassador summer camps, including 18 from Arkansas, made public professions of faith in Christ, a Southern Baptist Brotherhood Commission survey shows.

A total of 1,846 of the 17,500 boys attending Royal Ambassador camps in 28 states professed Christ and 856 others made commitments to full-time Christian-related vocations. A majority of the boys making vocational commitments expressed a preference for service as home or foreign missionaries.

Arkansas Royal Ambassador camps registered 300 boys during four weeks of camp. Camp participants across the convention paid an average of \$25.01 for a week of camp activities. The boys were led by more than 800 staff members, many of whom were college and high school students.

Camping has traditionally been used by Royal Ambassadors to help implement the basic task of mission education for boys.

## Conference set for associational Sunday School leaders



Cooper

New age division books will be the conference content for the Associational Faculty Training Clinic on Tuesday, Jan. 14, 1975. The clinic will be held at Forest Highlands Church, 1717 North Mississippi, Little Rock.

The new books are the "working series":

- Working in the Sunday School*
  - Working with Adults in the Sunday School*
  - Working with Youth in the Sunday School*
  - Working with Children in the Sunday School*
  - Working with Preschools at Church*
- Each team member attending the clinic will receive a complimentary copy of the book for their age division.

Personnel from the Baptist Sunday School School Board will be in Little Rock to lead the conferences.

The goal is to have at least one full team (five) from every association. The objective is to prepare this team to conduct a training school in their association. Individual team pictures will be taken of all teams present.

The clinic will begin at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. Participants need to bring a sack lunch or plan to eat nearby. There will be a 45 minute lunch break.

The Sunday School department will assist with travel expenses.

We remain committed to assisting the association to assist the churches. Our local church Sunday Schools will improve as we work together to improve the associational Sunday School program. Training leaders is one of the surest ways to bring about improvement.

Associational leader You can make it happen!—Don Cooper, Sunday School department

## "COMMITTED UNTO US"



March 18-19  
First, Fayetteville





# Roy Fish will be Bible teacher



Roy Fish



Ron Dunn

Roy Fish, professor of evangelism, Southwestern Seminary since 1965 will be the Bible teacher for the State Wide Evangelism Conference. The conference will begin Monday afternoon at 1:45 Jan. 20 and conclude Wednesday noon Jan. 22. Dr. Fish will have a 30 minute Bible study in each session.

Roy Fish was born in Star City, Ark., and received a BA degree at the University of Arkansas in 1952, the B.D. degree from Southwestern Seminary in 1957; and the Th.D. degree in 1963. He has also studied at Texas Christian University. Pastorates include Winslow, Ark.; 1951-1952; Salem Church, Big Spring, Tex., 1952-57; Live Oak Church, Gatesville, Tex., 1957-60; Ash Creek Church, Azle, Tex., 1960-62; First Church, Fairhorn, Ohio, 1962-65. He was president of the Ohio Baptist Convention when he accepted the work at the seminary.

Dr. Fish is acquainted with all types of churches and has a warm, compassionate heart and has majored in evangelism all of his ministry.

Ronald L. Dunn, pastor, MacArthur Boulevard Church, Irving, Tex., will speak twice during the State Wide Evangelism Conference to be held at First Church, Little Rock, Jan. 20-22. He will speak on "If You Will Not Forgive" and "Intercessory Prayer."

Dunn was born at Poteau, Okla., and received his education at Oklahoma Baptist University with the bachelor of arts degree 1958, and his bachelor of divinity degree 1962 from Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Tex.

For six years he was a full-time evangelist. For the last several years he has been pastor in the Dallas area.

In addition to his duties as pastor, he carries on a wide Bible conference ministry speaking primarily on revival and intercession, sharing what God has done through his own church's 24-hour Ministry of Intercession. Through Lifestyle Ministries, nearly 1,000 of his Bible tapes are sent each month to pastors, missionaries, students and laymen around the world.

Other personalities on the program will include Ron Hale and Tim Sacrey, layment from Baring Cross Church, North Little Rock. They will give testimonies

about Lay Evangelism Schools in Arkansas and Indiana. James T. Draper Jr. Associate Pastor, First Church, Dallas, will speak on "Growing an Evangelistic Church." Dr. Charles Ashcraft, Executive Secretary of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention, will speak on "The Sweat and Blood of Our Fathers." C.B. Hogue, Director of Evangelism, Home Mission Board, will speak on "The Need for Reconciliation." Angel Martinez, full-time evangelist will preach.

Monday afternoon there will be special conferences on People Search, Evangelistic Singing, Renewal Evangelism, Revivals and WIN Schools. The nursery will be open and the public is invited. - Jesse S. Reed, Director of Evangelism

## Foreign mission briefs—

**Tiberias, Israel**--Three Baptist leaders were reelected to positions on the executive committee of the United Christian Council in Israel during the council's 18th annual session. Delegates from the 19 member-bodies elected Southern Baptist missionary Robert L. Lindsey as chairman, an office he held from 1967 to 1969. Several other missionaries are currently holding posts in the organization.

**Rungwe, Tanzania**--The first women's class was graduated at Rungwe Bible School here recently. Seven women finished the two-year course and went out to begin their work. These women have been trained to teach others how to read and write and other subjects such as Bible, health and cooking. In all their training, emphasis was placed on how to teach others.

**Mombasa, Kenya**--Mombasa Baptist High School recently graduated its ninth class. Chairman of the Kenya Baptist Convention, Arthur Kinyanjui, was the principal speaker of the evening, challenging the students to "build an even better Kenya." Each of the graduating students was presented with a Bible.

**Paramaribo, Surinam**--A Baptist layman here was selected the most outstanding electrical apprentice by Surinam's leading industry, according to Leo F. Waldrop, Southern Baptist missionary press representative. Kris Tikai, the local chairman of the Dhoekieweg Bible study and action group here sponsored by Southern Baptist missionaries, received the honor from Suralco, a sister company of Alcoa Aluminum Company.

# 'Revelation' study by Hobbs published



Dr. Hobbs

NASHVILLE Southern Baptists have for the first time prepared a dated curriculum study of the entire book of Revelation.

"Studies in Revelation" is the Adult Vacation Bible School textbook for 1975. Herschel H. Hobbs, pastor emeritus of First Church, Oklahoma City, and past president of the Southern Baptist Convention, wrote the study.

The commentary on "Studies in Revelation" was written by Hobbs to help readers understand what the message of Revelation was to the original readers as well as what it means to Christians now.

Recognizing the fact that many capable Christian interpreters hold different views as to the meaning of Revelation, Hobbs briefly explains various interpretations but identifies his own position.

A.V. Washburn, secretary of the Sunday School department of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, said "Revelation was chosen because of renewed interest in the book and the need for the Christian hope found in it."

He said that "several national Bible conferences sponsored by the Sunday School department in recent years have offered studies in Revelation, but no special study book for the church curriculum has been published before now."

"Studies in Revelation" was written for use in Adult Vacation Bible School, but it may be used also for short-term, special study in Sunday School, Fellowship Bible Classes or weekday Bible classes.

Individual learning activities at the end of each of the ten sessions (study lessons) should be helpful in individual study as well as in preparation for class discussion. Suggestions for the teacher's use in guiding group learning activities are provided in the back of the book.

*Studies in Revelation*, a Convention Press publication, may be obtained in Baptist Book Stores.

Other helps include a free leaflet entitled "Adult Vacation Bible School--1975," available from state Sunday School secretaries, and a special section in the April issue of *Adult Leadership* magazine.





Participants were (clockwise from top left) Dr. Charles Ashcraft, state executive secretary; board members and speakers at the retreat; Harry Trulove, executive director for the Arkansas Baptist Foundation; and Grady Randolph, executive director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation.

## Foundation holds first planning retreat

Ten board members were present. They were W.R. Goodrich, Richard Wells, Arlen Waldrup, Charles Fager Jr., W.M. Freeze Jr., Jack Clack, Harold Barr, Will Pruett, Carbon Sims, and Dr. Charles Ashcraft.

Others present included Drs. Dan Grant, Ben Elrod, and Everett Sneed; Roy Lewis, Grady Randolph, and Harry Trulove.

Other board members are Dillard Miller, Pete Raines, Herbert McAdams, Bruce McNeill, Jesse Porter and W.J. Walker.

The retreat concluded Saturday morning with an official board meeting. The new officers for 1975 are, W.R. Goodrich, CPA, President; Jack Clack, Chaplin, Vice President; and Judge Richard Wells, Secretary.

With men of this caliber and dedication, it is easy to understand why Rheaun L. South, a former convention president, would say, "Our Arkansas Baptist Foundation Board is one of the most productive boards with whom I have been associated. They are led to be involved in the work."

Trulove said that the retreat would become an annual affair. "It is an effort to better serve God by serving people."

Few things worthwhile happen by accident. Goals are reached only through dedication and planning.

Because of the desire to be more useful to the Lord through their denomination, the members of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation Board of Directors met on Dec. 13 and 14 at Camp Paron for their first planning retreat. Those present were assigned to three different work groups. Each discussed basic questions related to goals and ways the Foundation can better assist our colleges, child care services, and mission work in the fulfillment of their purpose.

Grady Randolph, Executive Director of the Kentucky Baptist Foundation, used two sessions to outline the philosophy of foundation work and discuss ways the Kentucky Foundation provides support for the work of their convention.

One of the high moments was a period of personal sharing. Each man took from

three to five minutes to tell the group about his own personal dreams and goals. Following this session, several men observed, "As a result of this time, I feel closer to my fellow board members than ever before."

"I have known the names of the members for several years. Today, I feel I know them as a person."

"Why, I feel as if I've been to a revival!"

"The work that was begun at the retreat will continue on in the years that are ahead," Harry Trulove, Executive Director of the Arkansas Baptist Foundation stated. He continued, "I definitely anticipate further decisions and recommendations to come at our board meeting on April 24. These men are genuinely interested in seeing a strong base of financial support develop for the things God has called Arkansas Baptists to accomplish."





Dr. Raouf Halaby was one of the retreat speakers.



Ahmad Golzar, a Persian student, plays the sitar during the talent show.

Students from 22 countries around the world gathered at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, for the annual State International Retreat which is sponsored by Baptist Student Union and Woman's Missionary Union. This was an unusual weekend in that all 117 of those attending the retreat stayed in American homes in the Little Rock area. This not only gave the international students the opportunity to visit in Christian homes but it also gave the American families the opportunity to make new friends from around the world.

Students from many different religious backgrounds listened intently as Raouf Halaby, Emil Williams, and Larry Rohrman spoke and led discussion groups concerning religion, world politics, the brotherhood of mankind, and other relevant subjects.

During another international student meeting the students penned the phrase "through our scientific genius we have made of the world a neighborhood" and now through our moral and spiritual genius we must make of it a brotherhood. Although this cannot be accomplished in one weekend, it is meetings such as this that bring the world a little closer together.

If you are interested in getting to know a few of the over 400 international students who come to Arkansas each year to study, please contact the Student Department of the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for more information about how you can become involved.

## International student conference-1974

Students from 22 countries gathered for International Retreat.





## Church: the Sunday Night Place Interpretation Clinics

The emphasis on CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place has led many churches to enlarge and enrich their Church Training Program during the past year. The past year's records indicate an increase in Church Training attendance in our state.

CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place Interpretation Clinics will be conducted in most of our associations this year. The purpose of these clinics is to further equip pastors and other Church Training leaders to build a strong training program in their churches. These clinics take on new significance this year because of plans that are to be presented for 1976 - the year of the Life and Liberty Crusade in connection with the Bicentennial Celebration. The Church Training Program's supporting role will be presented in these clinics. Church Training will seek to make its contribution to the Life and Liberty Crusades in three important areas: (1) Training youth and adults in witnessing, (2) New Member Training as a follow-up effort to conserve the results of our evangelism, and (3) an emphasis on growth in Christian discipleship through training.

The associations in which these clinics are scheduled are listed below. Check this list for the date of your CHURCH: the Sunday Night Place Interpretation Clinic and be sure to reserve this date on your Church Calendar.

Arkansas Valley	March 3	Harmony	March 17-18
Bartholomew	May 5	Hope	May 1
Black River	March 31	Independence	March 11
Buckner	April 10	Little River	April 14
Caddo River	Feb. 24-25	Mississippi County	March 3
Calvary	March 25	Mt. Zion	April 3
Carey	March 24	North Arkansas	Feb. 25
Caroline	May 6	North Pulaski	May 12
Central	March 4	Pulaski	April 17
Clear Creek	April 28	Red River	Feb. 27
Concord	April 21-22	Rocky Bayou	Feb. 24
Dardanelle-Russellville	Feb. 27	Tri-County	April 10
Delta	May 6	Trinity	March 20
Greene County	April 17	Washington-Madison	September 4.

## Dr. James L. Sullivan To Lead Doctrinal Emphasis Preview



Dr. Sullivan

On April 1, James L. Sullivan, retiring president of the Baptist Sunday School Board, will lead a preview study of his recent book, *Rope of Sand with Strength of Steel*. This book on Baptist polity, is the adult book for use during Doctrinal Emphasis Week, April 21-25. The sessions are to be held at Immanuel Church, Little Rock, and are scheduled from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Lunch will be served at the church.

This book promises to be a monumental work on the subject of the church and how our churches work together at each level of our denominational life. Dr. Sullivan is an authority on the subject of Baptist polity and has exceptionally keen insight into every area of our denominational work. We are very pleased and fortunate to have him in our state for this occasion.

## Youth Convention-'75

March 28 is the date of this year's Youth Convention. The Youth Convention will be held at Robinson Auditorium in Little Rock on the Friday before Easter. Jim Henry, pastor of the Two Rivers Church, Nashville, Tenn. will be the speaker. The Turning Point, a youth music group under the direction of Danny Whipple, and the Baylor University Chorale, under the direction of Robert Young will sing at this year's Youth Convention. A multi-media visual presentation will also be a feature on the convention program.

## Bible Drills and Tournaments

Materials for the Bible Exploring Drill (4-6 grades), Youth Bible Drill (7-9 grades), and Youth Speakers' Tournament (10-12 grades) have recently been sent to all pastors and Church Training directors. The Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournament provide excellent training for youth and help develop Bible skills. If your church has not begun its preparation, now is the time to begin. Churches may request materials without cost from the state Church Training Department.

The District Bible Drills and Speakers' Tournaments are scheduled as follows:

Date	District	Location
March 10	Southeast District	First, Warren
March 11	East Central District	First, Clarendon
March 13	Northeast District	Central, Jonesboro
March 14	Central District	First, Benton
March 17	West Central District	First, Van Buren
March 18	Southwest District	First, Hope
March 20	Northwest District	First, Rogers
March 21	North Central District	First, Melbourne



## Adult Church Training Workshops



Dr. Caldwell

William G. Caldwell, an Adult Consultant with the Church Training Department of the Sunday School Board, will lead three Adult Church Training Workshops in Arkansas, Feb. 10, 11 and 13. The Workshops will be at the Park Hill Church,

North Little Rock, Feb. 10; the First Church, Pine Bluff, Feb. 11, and the University Church, Fayetteville, Feb. 13.

The two-hour workshops are for Adult Church Training leaders and members, pastors, ministers of education, and Church Training directors. The workshops will involve group-learning activities related to selecting resources for study, planning enlistment and application activities, and planning for study of specific sessions.

Each workshop is scheduled from 6:45 to 8:45 p.m. and will be preceded by a banquet at 6:00 p.m. Reservations for the banquet must be made with the Church Training Department, P.O. Box 550, Little Rock, Ark. 72203, by Wednesday, Feb. 5, 1975.

## Church Training Convention

The 1975 Church Training Convention will be held on Thursday, Oct. 23, at Immanuel Church, Little Rock. The emphasis of this year's program will be on the Church Training Program's role in support of the Life and Liberty Crusade in Arkansas. A major part of this emphasis will be in the area of witness training for youth and adults and on new member training. Plans and materials related to this emphasis will be presented in age-division conferences and in general sessions.

## Area Church Library Conferences

Five Area Church Library Conferences will be held in Arkansas, April 14-19. The conferences will provide about five hours of practical help for church library workers.

Conference sessions will be as follows:

April 14, First Church, Jonesboro; 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

April 15, First Church, Pine Bluff; 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

April 16, First Church, Hope; 1-5 p.m.

April 17, First Church, Fayetteville; 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

April 18-19, Park Hill, North Little Rock; Friday, 7-9 p.m. and Saturday, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

Carlton Carter, Church Library Consultant with the Sunday School Board, will lead the Area Library Conferences.

## ABC's of Church Administration Conferences

An ABC's of Church Administration Conference is a six-hour conference for the pastor who is his church's only full-time minister. The conference is designed to provide practical training in the basic area of administration. Areas covered in the conference include:

"The Pastor You Dream of Becoming"

"The Church You Dream of Pastoring"

"How to Plan a Church Calendar"

"Organizing for Growth"

"Enlisting and Training Workers"

"Working With Sunday School and Church Training Leaders"

"Managing Church Finances"

"Caring for Property and Buildings"

"Developing Church Publicity"

"Leading Your Church to Its Finest Hours"

One Arkansas pastor said, "This conference was like a refresher course in the seminary. Through the conference, my mind and soul were refreshed and my ministry has been made more significant."

These conferences are already scheduled in a number of associations during 1975. If you are interested in attending an ABC's Conference or scheduling one in your area, contact your Superintendent of Missions or your state Church Training Department.

## Youth Ministries Conference

Arkansas' first Youth Ministries Conference will be conducted on Friday night and Saturday, Feb. 28 - March 1, 1975. The conference will be held at Camp Paron.

This conference is planned for any persons who have the responsibility of planning and coordinating a church's ministry to youth. This would include youth directors, music-youth directors, or volunteer youth leaders. Pastors and other staff members who share in this responsibility may also profit from the conference.

Bob Taylor, Youth Ministries Consultant in the Church Administration Department at the Sunday School Board, will lead a conference on coordinating the youth program of a church.

The purpose of this conference is to help youth leaders develop a program that will relate youth to the church's on-going program of worship, Bible study, training, mission action, etc.

## Summer Youth Program Conference

An increasing number of churches are securing a summer youth director to work with youth during the summer months. Often, these are students. Help for these and other youth leaders is now available. On Friday night and Saturday, May 2-3, a Summer Youth Program Conference will be held at Camp Paron. The conference, to be led by Bob Taylor of the Sunday School Board, is for summer youth directors, full-time youth leaders or any other persons who have responsibility for planning and leading the summer youth program in our churches.

Churches that plan to secure a summer youth director are encouraged to secure them early so they can attend this conference.

## Marriage Enrichment Retreat

Arkansas' first Marriage Enrichment Retreat is scheduled for March 7-8, 1975, at the Indian Rock Resort, Fairfield Bay, Ark.

The Marriage Enrichment Retreat is a retreat experience for Christian couples who have a good thing going in their marriage and want to make it better. Marriages grow healthier as communication skills are sharpened and relationships deepened and the Marriage Enrichment Retreat will help do both.

Richard G. Waggener, consultant in the Family Ministry Section of the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board will lead the retreat. Some couples attending the retreat will be equipped to lead Marriage Enrichment Retreats in their own churches and associations should they desire.

Costs are nominal and include a registration fee and one night's lodging in a condominium. Meals will be reasonably priced at the Wild Boar Restaurant. All facilities of Fairfield Bay will be available to the participants.

## Church Business Administration Conference

"Managing the Business Affairs of a Church" will be the emphasis of the Church Business Administration Conference scheduled for Sept. 15-17 at Camp Paron. Reginald McDonough, from the Church Administration Department of the Sunday School Board, and other members of his staff, will direct the conference. The conference will deal with such areas as church business meeting procedures, financial administration, legal responsibilities and relationships, insurance and facilities administration.



# Southern Baptist Convention

## SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION



- Holiday Inn
- Paradise Inn \*
- Carillon
- Deauville
- Monte Carlo
- Allison
- Miami Beach Hyatt House
- Carriage House
- Montmartre
- Sovereign
- Barcelona
- Towers
- Atlantic Towers
- Moulin Rouge \*
- Crown
- Versailles
- Saxony
- Sans Souci
- Sea Isle
- Seville
- Algiers
- Surfside Plaza
- Boardwalk Plaza
- Holiday Inn
- Nautilus
- Shelborne
- Fairfax
- South Seas
- Catalina
- Dorset
- Surfcomber
- Delano
- Sagamore
- diLido
- Sands
- Jefferson \*
- Poinciana
- Royal Palm

- Holiday Inn, 8701 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$26
- Paradise Inn, 8520 Harding Ave.  
Singles \$8, Doubles \$10
- Carillon, 6801 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$21, Doubles \$25, 3 & 4 per. \$6
- Deauville, 6701 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$21, Doubles \$25, 3 & 4 per. \$6
- Monte Carlo, 6551 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$4.50
- Allison, 6251 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$4.50
- Miami Beach Hyatt House, 5445 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$21, Doubles \$25, 3 & 4 per. \$6
- Carriage House, 5401 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$21, Doubles \$25, 3 per. \$5
- Montmartre, 4775 Collins Ave.  
Single \$18, Doubles \$20, 3 & 4 per. \$4
- Sovereign, 4385 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Barcelona, 4343 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Towers, 4299 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$14, Doubles \$16, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Atlantic Towers, 4201 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$14, Doubles \$16, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Moulin Rouge, 280-41st St.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Crown, 4041 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Versailles, 3425 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Saxony, 3201 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Sans Souci, 3101 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$20, 3 & 4 per. \$4
- Sea Isle, 3001 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$15-\$16, Doubles \$17-\$18, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Seville, 2901 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$18, Doubles \$20, 3 & 4 per. \$4
- Algiers, 2555 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Surfside Plaza, 2457 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$13, Doubles \$15, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Boardwalk Plaza, 2445 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$14, Doubles \$16, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Holiday Inn, 2201 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$26, 3 & 4 per. \$4
- Nautilus, 1825 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 per. \$3
- Shelborne, 1801 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16-18, Doubles \$18-\$22, 3 & 4 per. \$4
- Fairfax, 1776 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$14, Doubles \$15, 3 & 4 per. \$4
- South Seas, 1751 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$10, Doubles \$11-\$13, 3 & 4 per. \$2
- Catalina, 1732 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$7, Doubles \$9-\$10, 3 & 4 per. \$2
- Dorset, 1720 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$7, Doubles \$8-\$10, 3 per. \$2
- Surfcomber, 1717 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$12.50, Doubles \$14.50, 3 & 4 per. \$2
- Delano, 1685 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Sagamore, 1671 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$12, Doubles \$14, 3 & 4 per. \$2
- diLido, 155 Lincoln Road  
Singles \$16, Doubles \$18, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Sands, 1601 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$11.50, Doubles \$12.50, 3 & 4 per. \$2
- St. Moritz, 1565 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$11.50, Doubles \$13.50, 3 & 4 per. \$2.50
- Jefferson, 121-15th St.  
Singles \$10, Doubles \$12, 3 & 4 per. \$3
- Poinciana, 1551 Collins Ave.  
Single \$10, Doubles \$10, 3 & 4 per. \$4
- Royal Palm, 1545 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$12, Doubles \$14, 3 & 4 per. \$2
- Raleigh, 1777 Collins Ave.  
Singles \$10, Doubles \$12, 3 per. \$3

\* Denotes off-ocean hotel

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# SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION

## APPLICATION FOR HOTEL OR MOTEL RESERVATIONS

Miami Beach, Florida — June 10-12, 1975

Please fill out form completely and mail to:

**SBC Housing Bureau**  
**555-17th Street**  
**Miami Beach, Florida 33139**

**RESERVATIONS TO BE CLEARED THROUGH THE SBC HOUSING BUREAU.** Each request must give definite date and approximate hour of arrival, and include names and addresses of all persons who will occupy the rooms re-

quested. If it should become necessary to cancel a reservation, please notify the SBC Housing Bureau promptly. At least four choices of hotels or motels are desirable. Reservations will be filled in order of date of receipt. Processing of reservations to begin October 1, 1974.

If accommodations at the hotel/motel of your choice are not available, the Housing Bureau will make a reservation elsewhere as near your request as possible, and you will receive confirmation direct from the hotel/motel.

Light house keeping rooms available and conveniently located to Convention Center. Write SBC Housing Bureau if interested.

### HOTEL OR MOTEL PREFERENCES

### TYPE ROOM AND RATE DESIRED

1st Choice _____	Single Occupancy _____
2nd Choice _____	Double Occupancy _____
3rd Choice _____	Other _____
4th Choice _____	Parlor, Bedroom Suite _____
ARRIVAL DATE _____ at _____	A.M. DEPARTURE DATE _____
	P.M. DEPARTURE DATE _____

MODE OF TRAVEL: Automobile  Plane  Bus  Other

**NAMES OF ALL OCCUPANTS:**  
 (Please bracket those sharing room)

**ADDRESSES:**


**MAIL CONFIRMATION TO:** NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Southern Baptist Convention .....	June 10-12
Woman's Missionary Union .....	June 8-9
Pastors' Conference .....	June 8-9
Religious Education Association .....	June 8-9
Church Music Conference .....	June 8-9



# R.E. new '75

February 17-21, 1975 Houston, Texas

## National Conference on Church Educational Ministry

### R.E.new '75 FOCUS

The focus of this conference is on the church's educational ministry. Every church has such a ministry. In most Southern Baptist churches the pastor's call includes this ministry. In some churches this ministry is led by other church staff ministers. The focus is on the function of the church's educational work as it relates to those who have some staff responsibilities for that ministry.

### WORK GROUPS

1. The Pastor's Role in Building Effective Staff Relations
2. The Pastor of the One-Staff Church
3. Pastors Motivating Volunteer Workers in the Church
4. Pastors Developing a Curriculum for the Whole Church
5. The Pastor as a Leader of Learners
6. The Pastor Educating the Church Through Preaching
7. Pastoral Care that Produces Personal Growth
8. Building an Environment of Fellowship for Education
9. Educating Through the Church Ordinances
10. The Pastor as a Teacher in the Community
11. Training Leaders and Teachers
12. Helping Parents to Provide Religious Education
13. Church Members Seeing the Difference Between Changing Methods and Tradition and Unchanging Theological and Moral Values
14. Adults Accepting Youth with Their Problems
15. Increasing an Understanding of the Mission of the Church for Our Day
16. Improving the Ability of Church Members to Apply Theological Understanding to Programs, Projects and Emphases in Baptist Life
17. Efficient Use of Church Building During the Week
18. Accepting the Equality of All Races in the Spirit of Christ
19. Using Innovative Methods in Evangelism
20. Securing "Koinonia" in Churches
21. Working with Volunteer Leadership
22. Supervising the Paid Church Staff
23. Working with the Educational Organizations
24. Making the Most of the Physical Facilities of the Church
25. Managing the Finances of the Church Wisely
26. Working with Church Committees
27. Making the Most of Office Procedure and Records
28. Guiding the Planning Processes
29. Making Promotion and Publicity Effective
30. The Call to a Ministry of Education
31. The Roles of the Church Educator
32. Preparation Required for Professional Status as Church Educator
33. Ordination of Professional Church Educators
34. The Educational Staffer and His Publics
35. Financial Rewards and Security
36. Internal Communication Within the Total Church Staff
37. A Code of Conduct for a Christian Educator
38. The Christian Educator and His Family
39. Educational Ministers as Educators
40. Church Ministry to the Aging
41. Church Ministry to the Alcohol and Drug Addicts
42. Church Ministry to the "Singles"
43. Church Ministry Through Community Weekday Program
44. Church Ministry Through Mission Action Mission Projects
45. Church Ministry Through Church-Owned Schools

### REGISTRATION

Registration before January 15, 1975 offers the advantage of a \$10 savings. Use the card below and mail it to *R.E.new '75*, 3910 Travis, Houston, Texas 77002

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 Regular . . . . . \$20.00  
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 Full-time college students who plan to enter church related vocations . . . . . 10.00

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 Full-time college students who plan to enter church related vocations . . . . . 20.00

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# Southern Baptists form a rope of sand as strong as steel

NASHVILLE--"The (Baptist) denomination is held together by fragile organizational ties, but the common experiences, beliefs and purposes that unite them are stronger than steel."

*Rope of Sand with Strength of Steel*, is a new book on Baptist polity by James L. Sullivan, president of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board, in which he talks about the Baptist denomination and its problems and strengths.

Members of the local churches combine to become the rope of sand that possesses the strength of steel, not because of organization or rules, but because of the "basic operating principle of voluntariness. Southern Baptists find this freedom of choice more binding than coercion, and much more effective."

According to Sullivan, "the most important organizational unit of the denomination is the local church. If the work is not done there, it is not done anywhere. If it is done well there, its successes become the denomination's strength."

An entire chapter of the book is devoted to a discussion of the church, including the origin, obligations, objectives, opposition, organization, ordinances, operation and outreach.

When speaking about the origin of the church, Sullivan said that it "is not important when the church began. The important fact is who began it. It was begun by Christ. It is stamped with his nature and spirit, and it exists for the purpose of honoring him and carrying out his work."

One chapter is a study of the characteristics of the Baptist denomination and how Southern Baptists perform a worldwide ministry.

A section entitled "Decentralization" states that "responsibilities are assigned to provide a system of checks and balances in the denomination."

He said that this action avoids centralization which "tends to produce a hierarchical structure with one man or one small group of men in control. Our denomination has clearly defined the work of agencies and institutions," Sullivan said, to help preserve the autonomy of the local church.

"National bodies cannot intrude on the internal affairs of local bodies except by invitation," he continued. "Each congregation owns its own church, calls its own pastors and makes its own decisions."

Sullivan has "with all candor tried to take an honest look at Southern Baptists and the place they hold in today's world."

One of the major reasons for the book is to find out "What makes Southern Baptists Tick? Future trends, directions and critical issues are all logical questions that follow."

In the last chapter Sullivan examines some of these trends, traditions and emphases that have been part of the Southern Baptist denomination. Evangelism, lay involvement, teaching and training, Baptists' worldwide influence and how we must move forward all are discussed.

"Many of the tests Southern Baptists have weathered have disintegrated other religious groups," Sullivan said. "Trials have united Southern Baptists. We have intensified our efforts to do a better job."

"In the end, polity is asking the question, How does God want Southern Baptists to do the job that is ours? Then we are to relate ourselves in the way we feel his Book has revealed and his Spirit leads. With total abandonment we can then surge forward. This is the spirit that has brought us thus far. This is the spirit that will lead us on."

*Rope of Sand with Strength of Steel* is the Doctrinal Emphasis Week book for 1975, published by Convention Press. It will be released Jan. 1, 1975, through Baptist Book Stores.



SAND AS STRONG AS STEEL??? In his new book on Baptist polity "Rope of Sand With Strength of Steel," James L. Sullivan asserts that this is true. The book is available in Baptist Book Stores.

## Christian life center dedicated in Surinam

PARAMARIBO, Surinam—The Christian Life Development Center, the first building in Surinam provided by Southern Baptists, was dedicated recently with 175 persons attending.

The center facilities will be used for Bible clubs, a sewing class, a youth group, Sunday School classes and a worship service.



# Missionary kids thankful in spite of hardships

by Mary Ann Ward

RICHMOND (BP)--It was Thanksgiving weekend and the group of college freshmen that gathered at Camp Hanover near here were indeed thankful in spite of the fact that most of their families were thousands of miles away.

They were thankful to have shared in two cultures, to have spoken two languages and to have spent the holiday with friends from all over the world.

The students are children of Southern Baptist missionaries and were attending the annual MK (Missionary Kid) weekend sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board. Purpose was to give the young people a chance to share mutual concerns, including the need to find their identity in the United States and to share some of their early experiences about returning to the states.

Some MKs have seen world hunger first hand. Many have seen poverty. And all are aware that the standard of living enjoyed by most Americans wouldn't be typical in the countries they have called home.

Two varieties of MKs were at the retreat--those who had been born overseas or had gone as a very young child and those who had spent their formative years in the United States, having to make a culture adjustment when the parents were appointed.

How do they feel about being an MK?

Most "wouldn't trade it for anything," they say.

"It's given me a chance to travel and meet all kinds of people," said Ginger Hamilton, Baylor University (Waco, Tex.) student from Baguio, Philippines. "I've become a part of another culture

which has broadened my horizons. Also, a lot of people are interested in getting to know you because you've lived overseas."

Donna Lee Joiner, Dallas Baptist College student from Ecuador, said being an MK had given her numerous chances to travel and meet people. "I haven't been as shocked by people different than me," she concluded.

Tim Harvey from Texas Technological University in Lubbock feels that by living overseas, he gained "insights about how other people feel and about myself."

"The main advantage for me is the unadulterated wildlife and countryside where I grew up," said Wiley B. Faw Jr., a student at Georgetown (Ky) College, talking about Nigeria. "Americans are too materialistic, too easily upset and always in a hurry," he added.

There are some disadvantages to being an MK. Many attended boarding schools. Noelle Tope from Mississippi College in Clinton, daughter of missionaries in East Africa, has lived in three East African countries, Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania.

She cited one disadvantage--attending several different schools, both on the field and during furlough, making friends and then having to leave them. She knew when high school graduation came she would be leaving most of her friends for good.

Mks say they are all victims of the missionary stereotype. "Missionaries aren't super humans. They're just like everyone else. The only reason they're missionaries is they felt 'called,'" said Bob Wilson of Brazil, a student at Tarrant

County Junior College, Fort Worth.

"People also assume Mks are real nice kids," he said. "Not all of us are."

Lucinda Shelton, from Uruguay and Texas Tech, said people assume everything is always great with missionary families. "Missionary family life is not easy. Many missionaries don't always have everything solved."

While the Mks were being thankful--for their past and for the weekend--several voiced appreciation for Southern Baptist support.

Although all are American citizens, many MK hearts are in their "other home."

"I have been blessed with two homes, two cultures and two languages," said Kathleen Williams, nursing student from Mexico at College of Marin in Kentfield, Calif. "I have chosen the best of two cultures, that way having a third culture."

"I've been serenaded, received roses and had poems written for me," she said. "Latins have very romantic feelings about life and are very warm people." She hopes to be a missionary nurse someday.

Kathleen Williams is grateful for the Cooperative Program (basic unified budget of Southern Baptists) and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for Foreign Missions. "We have a modern hospital in Guadalajara with 100 beds that the Lottie Moon offering helped pay for."

"I want to thank people because if they hadn't supported us I wouldn't have gotten to do the things that mean so much to me now," said Miss Hamilton. "No one should feel sorry for us because I've had a good life and I wouldn't trade it with anyone."

## January 15 is deadline for student summer missions applications

ATLANTA--Jan. 15 is the deadline for applications for student summer missions projects sponsored by the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Forms for students wishing to participate are available from the HMB Department of Special Ministries, 1350 Spring St. N.W., Atlanta, Ga., 30309.

"We anticipate 1,200 - 1,500 applications this year," said Emery Smith, associate director of the department and coordinator of student summer mission projects.

"We have about 1,200 requests from the field for summer missionaries and will appoint about 950 - 600 by the Home Mission Board and 350 by state Baptist Student Unions," Smith said.

Some 1,100 students were appointed

last summer. Increased travel costs will cut the total to 950 in 1975.

Projects for 1975 will include the use of ethnic young people for language missions and work among blacks, international seamen, and in deaf ministries.

"We will assign 150-200 student summer missionaries to meet resort missions needs in Yosemite, Yellowstone and Gatlinburg and in state parks and private campgrounds," Smith said.

Emphasis will also be given to projects such as developing new home Bible fellowships, pastoring pioneer churches, work in mobile homes and apartment complexes, inner city ministries, mission centers and juvenile homes and prison ministries.

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## Projected SBC statistics show 1974 increases

NASHVILLE (BP)—According to statistical projections released by the Southern Baptist Convention, the denomination continued to grow in 1974, with an increase of 220,000 church members, over \$200 million in mission expenditures for the first time, and the fifth highest number of baptisms in the convention's 129 year history.

The preliminary statistics, compiled by reports received from 23,278 of the 74,665 Southern Baptist churches, indicate increases in church membership; Sunday School, church music, Women's Missionary Union and Brotherhood enrollment mission expenditures; and total financial receipts.

Decreases are predicted in baptisms and Training Union enrollment. However, projected baptisms only decreased 0.27 percent to a total of 412,872 the fifth highest number in Southern Baptist history. This marks the fourth year in succession that the number of baptisms have exceeded 400,000. Prior to 1971, the convention experienced nine successive years in which baptisms were under 400,000.

The 1974 Church Training enrollment projections, which do not include new member or leader training registration, showed only a 1.77 percent decrease as compared with a 4.6 percent decrease in 1973. This represents a projected decrease of 34,500 church training members. Further projections of favorable change in church training statistics indicate that for the first time in several years, there was no loss in the number of churches reporting church training programs.

These projections should be "very close" to the final official figures which will be released in February, 1975, according to Martin B. Bradley, manager of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board's research services department. At the time, the projections were computed, approximately 12,000 churches (about one-third of the total number of churches) had not reported.

For several years church membership has been increasing at approximately two percent each year and 1974 will be no different. Church membership is expected to reach the 12,517,468 mark, reflecting a gain of 220,122 or 1.79 percent.

The projections indicate an 11.5 percent increase in total financial receipts amounting to \$1,343,702,755. For the first time since 1966, the percentage of mission expenditures was greater than the percentage of total receipts. Mission expenditures showed a projected increase of 12.1 percent for a total of 216,969,463. This indicates the first time mission expenditures have exceeded \$200 million.

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School enrollment continued to increase in 1974, according to the projections. The estimate indicates a 0.09 percent increase or 6,646 members, setting the total at 7,189,014.

If the projections are correct, the church music enrollment continued to climb in 1974. Statistics indicate a 4.98 percent increase or 62,381 members for a total of 1,315,009.

Brotherhood enrollment is expected to increase 1.07 percent. A gain of 4,934 members is projected for a total enrollment of 466,014.

After a 2.1 percent decrease last year,

Woman's Missionary Union gained 21,718 for a 1.97 percent increase. Total WMU enrollment is expected to be 1,124,150.

These preliminary figures were reached by computing the actual figures from 23,278 churches, then projecting through statistical means the expected reports from the nearly 12,000 remaining churches.

Weighing factors were added to give an acceptable degree of accuracy to these projected figures for planning and decision-making purposes in the denomination, says Bradley.



## The suffering savior

Mark 8:27-38



Overton

The time had now come in Jesus' teaching for him to reveal his way of saving mankind to his disciples. For some time he had been with them and gradually leading up to this important step in their instruction.

His method was to get his disciples to reveal their conviction about who he was, then lead them to understand his method of dealing with man's needs.

So, he first asks, "Who do people say that I am?" To break the ice he seeks the understanding the disciples had of the general public's reaction to Jesus.

They said that some thought he was John the Baptist risen from the dead. Others were convinced he was Elijah or Jeremiah or one of the other Old Testament prophets.

Then he said, "What about you? What do you think?" Peter spoke for the group—he usually did. He said, "You are the Christ." Rather than a given name for Jesus, we need to understand this word in the light of Old Testament teachings. This is a special word. It translates the Old Testament word, "Messiah." Both words—Messiah in the Hebrew of the Old Testament and Christ in the Greek of the New Testament—mean, anointed of God.

A quick reading of the Old Testament will show that many were "anointed of God," some for one task and some for another. But this word came to have a special meaning especially in the latter part of the Old Testament. The Messiah was to come and he would redeem his people.

To the Jews of Jesus' day, this redemption would take the form of the restoration of Judah to dominance as a world power. He would lead the people to victory in throwing off the yoke of the Romans and re-establishing the throne of David.

Jesus must lead his disciples away from this concept to see the role of the Messiah—Christ—as the suffering servant of Isaiah.

When Peter answered, "You are the Christ," he revealed that he and the others had made the first step in understanding the life and work of Jesus. Now they must take another and more difficult step. The Messiah, Christ, was not a conquering warrior, but a suffering servant. He came not riding a white horse of victory, but a donkey, a beast of burden.

Would they take it? No, not yet. But Jesus "instructed them for the first time that the Son of Man had to endure great sufferings..." (The New Testament, A Private Translation in the Language of the People, Charles B. Williams). No, it did not fit their scheme of things. It would be after the resurrection before they would fully accept this.

Jesus went on to reveal at length how he would be treated by the Jewish leaders. They would disown him; seek to trap him in his words; harass him everywhere he went and finally demand and receive his death at the hands of the Roman government.

Peter drew Jesus aside and said, "Now, Lord, we're not going to have any of this. You can't die. We need you too badly for this to happen." You will remember that on the night Jesus was captured in the Garden of Gethsemane, Peter swore that he would defend Jesus though the others deserted him.

Jesus recognized this was the same temptation he had resisted in the temptations in the wilderness. Peter was being used of the devil though he did not realize it. The only thing he could think of was the loss to their hopes of the restoration of David's kingdom. So Jesus called Peter, "Satan", simply because this was the devil's temptation. He was again refusing the devil's way to accomplish God's purpose for it would be self-defeating.

The last paragraph of this passage is to be viewed in the light of what has gone before. It has a vital relationship to the preceding verses. Temptations come to every man to take the short cut to spiritual victory. The true way is the way of self denial and suffering. It cannot be achieved by any other means. So, if you want to be his learner—disciple—, you must say "NO" to self and take up your cross and follow Jesus.

A word is in order about the idea of cross bearing and especially the cross we are to bear. The idea of many is that my cross is that which is thrust upon me which I cannot avoid. An aging parent, a retarded child or some other of this nature. But the cross we are to bear is that which I take up in order to serve Christ. It is a cross of self denial.

Jesus took his cross willingly. So must I. It was not forced upon him. So I must accept as my cross, that which is necessary in self denial that I may give my best in service to him.

Jesus suffered much to bring me his redeeming grace. He was despised among his own people. He was rejected by the religious leaders who should have

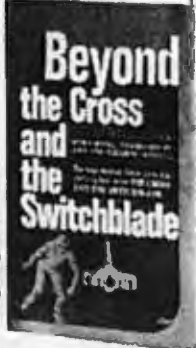
been perceptive enough to recognize who he was. He was not understood by his disciples even though they were with him continually for almost three years. His example before them of love and concern for others was contrasted in their quarreling about the chief seats in his coming kingdom. When he faced the final triumph of Satan and the Jewish leaders his disciples deserted him. What agony of soul he must have gone through.

The question for us today is, "Will we add to his sufferings by our negligence? What will your answer be?"

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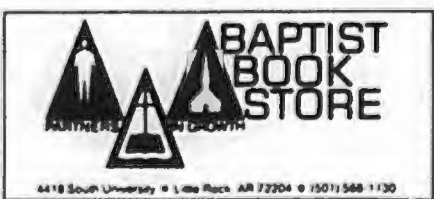
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## Big spenders

(From page 24)

they open a Bible."

Baptist Book Stores seem to be getting more requests for the large family Bibles, many of these by young married people who want a family Bible like their grandparents had.

"It could be that the Jesus movement among young people has caused this returning to some kind of spiritual fervor," Graham theorized.

The number of young people who are customers of Baptist Book Stores is continually increasing, with most buying paperback books. At the other end of the age bracket, the marketing of large print Bibles has caused a demand of other large print inspirational books.

"Some managers report their best customers are older, retired people," commented Graham. "We tend to underestimate their buying power. This is the first time some of these people have had the time to read and to devote to their church activities. We simply don't have the range of books to meet this market."

Children's books are increasingly becoming a part of the Baptist Book Store market. At the same time, this is often one of the first places the cutback in the economy is felt.

"The Children's Living Bible is still in strong demand," said Graham. The more traditional type Bible story books are slowing down while such items as the Arch Book Series are popular."

In the two Lifeway stores, general religious book stores aimed at the "man on the street," owned by the Sunday School Board, the demand is for family oriented and self-help books. The Living Bible is the most frequently requested Bible in these stores.

Baptist Book Stores sales reflect the general economy, Graham noted.

"People are becoming more discriminating in the books they buy. And because of the price of many of hardback books, paperbacks are becoming more popular.

"Some of our managers believe the churches in their areas are really pinching their budgets," he said, "while other managers say the churches in their area continue to buy what they need."

Even with the economy pinch on churches and on the nation as a whole, people continue to buy what they need and want most. "Today is the day for religious books," one Book Store manager said.

Jennifer Bryon is a communications specialist for the Book Store division of the Baptist Sunday School Board.

## A smile or two

It was a miserable day and Miami controllers had planes stacked in holding patterns all the way to 15,000 feet. In the midst of the confusion was a tiny Cessna 150 who kept calling the controllers: "Hey, y'll, what about me, up here at 9,000? When's my turn?"

The Cessna pilot griped every three minutes, only to be told each time, "Wait your turn, Cessna 14G. We're working on it."

When approach control finally called the Cessna with the good news, there was no response.

Fifteen minutes later, the Cessna again radioed: "Now?"

"Where have you been?" responded approach control.

"Waiting our turn," answered the 150, "but we had to go down for a minute and get some gas"—Dan Drummond, *Southern Wings*

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The sheik and his favorite wife, while touring recently in France, decided to send some gifts to three friends at home. Sauntering into an art gallery, they picked out a Van Gogh, a Rembrandt, and a Picasso. "That'll be \$1,600,000 in American money," the dealer told them. The purchaser paid in cash and turned to his companion, "Now that we've got the cards, let's go get the presents"—*American Opinion*

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The bright young lady approached the clothier's counter and asked the clerk, "What would you suggest as a suitable gift for a distinguished gentleman on his birthday?"

"Well, ma'am," replied the clerk, "how about something nice in ties?"

"No, I don't think so," said the girl. "You see he has a beard."

"Oh, I see," continued the clerk. "Then how about a fancy vest?"

"N-no," hesitated the girl. "You see, it's a rather long beard."

The clerk sighed wearily. "Well, how about carpet slippers?"—*American Opinion*

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The owner of a store which had recently been burglarized met a friend at lunch.

"That was a shame about the robbery!" the friend remarked. "How much did you lose?"

The store owner shrugged. "Enough. But it could have been a lot worse if the burglar had broken in the night before."

"Why so?" questioned the friend.

"Well, just the morning of the robbery, we marked everything off thirty percent"—*Nuggets*

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## Attendance report

December 29, 1974

Church	Sunday School	Church Training	Church Additions
Alpena	79	32	
Augusta, Grace	84	52	
Bentonville, First	213		
Berryville			
First	152	65	
Freeman Heights	151	41	
Rock Springs	85	49	
Booneville, First	730	203	
Concord	80	34	1
Conway, Second	283	61	
El Dorado, Trinity	130	64	
Ft. Smith			
First	1106	182	7
Temple	175	66	
Trinity	164	53	
Windsor Park	643	141	3
Garfield, First	81	29	2
Gentry, First	149	42	
Greenwood, First	274	102	
Hampton, First	91	53	
Hardy, First	108	29	
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	277	139	
Woodland Heights	75	52	
Helena, First	198	55	
Hope			
Calvary	163	81	
First	368	99	
Hot Springs			
Memorial	89	39	2
Park Place	302	72	
Jacksonville, First	326	89	
Lavaca, First	297	87	
Little Rock			
Crystal Valley	148	60	
Geyer Springs	640	201	7
Life Line	383	98	2
Shady Grove	77	48	
Woodlawn	113	48	
Magnolia, Central	455	136	
Monticello, Second	227	53	2
Murfreesboro, First	88	45	
North Little Rock			
Calvary	383	117	
Levy	253	79	1
Paragould			
Calvary	214	159	3
East Side	204	110	
First	294	93	1
Paris, First	367	55	2
Pine Bluff			
East Side	159	93	1
Second	110	42	
South Side	509	3	
Tucker	9		
Oppeto	18		
Watson Chapel	289	79	1
Prairie Grove, First	159	69	3
Rogers, Immanuel	482	82	2
Russellville, First	419	31	
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# Life and Work Lesson

(From Page 22)

profiteers were not only making life miserable for their less affluent brothers, but were endangering the security of the community. By weakening the community from within they were encouraging the taunts of their enemies and undermining the efforts to rebuild the walls. Nehemiah, as a leader, had set a worthy example for them to heed and he held them to it. By example and exhortation he influenced others to high moral endeavor. Would this not be a worthy lesson for profiteers and politicians in America today!

### The completion (6:15)

After 52 days, sometime in August-September, the walls were up, their enemies were down, and God was exalted. The task was completed with such speed that the surrounding peoples were amazed and attributed the accomplishment to the approval and aid of God

### Conclusion

Nehemiah had to leave the comfort of the court in Persia for the debris, drudgery, and danger of Jerusalem. Many like Nehemiah are being sent by God today to difficult and dangerous missions around the world. God is still selecting and sending men to various tasks in connection with his purpose. Nehemiah has taught us the value of persistence and prayer. He was a man of prayer. (2:4; 4 4-5; 5 19; 6:14; 13:14, 22, 29, 31) It was his nature to turn to God in moments of distress and victory. Perceiving God's purpose in prayer, he persisted in prayer and purpose until he prevailed. Recall Harriet Beecher Stowe's words, "When you get into a difficult place and everything goes against you until it seems you cannot hold on another minute, never give up then, for that is just the place when the tide will turn."

# A smile or two

When his engine conked out, a pilot landed his light plane on a freeway. He jumped out and went over to a car that had pulled off the road out of his way, intending to ask for help.

But the woman sitting next to the driver of the car shouted: "We'll get out of the way, Mister, if you'll show us where to go. My husband is the only driver in the world who could start out on a freeway and end up in the middle of an airport!"

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The jungle Olympics were over and a dejected cheetah sat on the sidelines, having failed to cop any of the prizes. "I can understand having lost the other events," he said to another cheetah who had also failed to win anything, "but I thought since we're supposed to be so fast that surely we'd win the races. Imagine, being outrun by an elephant! It's disgraceful!"

"Well, that's the way it goes," his friend said philosophically, "Cheetahs never win"

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Birthday cards may be divided into two classes — the thoughtful and the rubbing-it-in — Burton Hillis

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Augusta, Grace	63	43	
Bentonville, First	267		7
Berryville			
First	133	53	1
Freeman Heights	146	85	10
Rooseville, First	252	221	
Blytheville, Clear Lake	61	53	
Cabot, Mt Carmel	197	103	5
Concord, First	85	72	
Conway, Second	297	100	7
Crossett, Mt Olive	243	135	3
Forrest City, First	323		7
Ft. Smith			
East Side	248	96	
First	1244	255	16
Grand Avenue	797	313	3
Mottlet Mission	22		
Temple	158	61	
Trinity	184	68	
Winborn Park	495	195	6
Gentry, First	147	48	1
Greenwood, First	209	120	
Hampton, First	95	67	
Hardy, First	95	32	
Harrison			
Eagle Heights	314	151	1
Woodland Heights	96	59	
Hot Springs			
Leonard Street	73	55	
Memorial	77	53	
Park Place	244	62	
Hope			
Calvary	148	69	1
First	337	96	1
Hughes, First	96		
Jacksonville			
First	318	78	
Marshall Road	186	64	
Kinston, First	55	41	
Lavaca, First	307	114	1
Little Rock			
Cross Road	88	89	
Crystal Hill	69	47	
Geyer Springs	477	192	3
Life Line	279	132	
Martindale	46	35	
Woolawn	67	57	
Mentifield			
First	150		
Second	164		4
Murrenshoro, First	115	56	
North Little Rock			
Levy	241	86	
Park Hill	346		
Paragould			
Calvary	200	147	
East Side	162	95	1
First	410	117	
Paris, First	402	86	5
Pine Bluff			
First	292	57	
South Side	321		1
Oppano	75		
Watson Chapel	180		
Prairie Grove, First	172	58	
Rogers, First	540	160	1
Russellville			
First	457		1
Second	159	68	
Springdale			
Berry Street	104	58	
Caudie Avenue	122		
Elmdale	348	119	
Van Buren, First	558	150	
Mission	28		
Vandervoort, First	50	24	
Walnut Ridge, White Oak	70	55	
West Helena, Second	107	63	7
Wooster, First	104	69	

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# Lay persons big-spenders in Baptist Book Stores

by Jennifer Bryon

NASHVILLE (BP)—The big spenders on books in Baptist Book Stores in the past have been pastors

No more!

Baptist lay persons are now the major book buyers.

William S. Graham, director of the 56-store chain maintained by the Baptist Sunday School Board, says a major change is taking place in Baptist buying habits.

There are several reasons for this swing from clergy to laity in buying of books, Graham says. One is a new spiritual awakening among the laity. Another is that pastors are preaching in a way that encourages lay people to do further study.

"This is no rejection of what the preacher has said from the pulpit," Graham notes. Rather, "It is actually a credit to him that people are challenged to read further. Ministers are also now commenting more on controversial subjects and lay people want to study these areas in depth."

"In times such as we are experiencing with the economy right now," he continues, "people are seeking answers to personal problems. People are reading more, perhaps because they are traveling less and television is losing some of its

appeal to many adults."

While continuing to serve churches with their program needs, Baptist Book Stores have broadened their base of service and have become more people-oriented. This is to meet demands for the self-help, personal development and growth type books.

"People today seem to be more introspective and are looking at their problems," said Graham. "Several years ago, stores usually did not carry books on divorce, but now virtually every religious publisher with whom the Baptist Book Stores deal, has a book or books dealing with this subject. Books dealing with problem areas are in demand because lay people are using them in counseling and helping others," Graham noted.

"Some of our managers believe the lay person is now doing many things at one time left up to the pastor," said Graham. Also, he added, "people who may not know what or how to say something to a friend with a problem are giving that friend a book dealing with the subject."

Ten to 15 years ago there were a few well-established authors who had great appeal. These have remained favorites, but now there is a greater variety of authors, and people buy books by all of them.

"Books by famous people such as Anita Bryant, Pat Boone, Katherine Marshall and Dale Evans are in great demand," said Graham. "People like to read inspirational books by famous people who are telling their personal experience."

But lay people are also studying theology.

"Some people have called it 'pop theology', but it really seems to be a relational theology instead of critical study," explained Graham. "People are wanting to understand theology in such a way that they can apply it to their daily lives."

This has led to an increase in requests for Bible study materials, many of which are used in home group studies.

Lay people more than ever are studying to find out for themselves what the Bible says," Graham said. "Our book store managers agree this has caused the demand for one volume commentaries to increase considerably.

"Most people are buying one volume commentaries rather than sets," ex-

plained Graham. "Often when they buy a set, such as Barclay's which continues to be one of our bestsellers, they buy it one volume at a time. They seem to be buying the commentary of the devotional and exposition nature to supplement study on that subject. When they move on to another subject, they come back for the corresponding commentary."

Bible reference books and Bible dictionaries are selling well, along with the commentaries.

"However, as always, the Bible continues to be our bestselling book. Our sales are as strong and possibly stronger than ever," Graham pointed out. "In this Bible-centered emphasis, both the laity and clergy want to know what the Bible says and are not tied to just one version."

The trend seems to be toward people owning several Bibles. While they may have one which is their basic Bible, they will have several translations and paraphrases which they use for comparison.

"The King James Version is still the one version most in demand. It is used for depth study and memorization," said Graham. "Of course, the *Living Bible* is a paraphrase which revolutionized sales, not only in our stores, but in all kinds of stores all over the country. Our managers say the demand for this paraphrase has reached its peak. They say now any kind of reference Bible such as the Scofield and Thompson Chain Reference is in great demand."

People do not hesitate to purchase Bibles with quality bindings. According to the store managers, Bibles in the \$15 range are most popular. Unlike 10 or 15 years ago when black was the only color of binding people wanted, today they are buying Bibles bound in various colors. One Bible published has colors described as apple red, cocoa brown, wild raspberry, spruce green and palomino brown.

One specification for many Bibles is that they have Christ's words in red letters.

"It seems that what Christ has to say is even more important today than ever," said Graham. "People are putting an emphasis on Christ's teachings and they want his words to be easily seen when

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